

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow City Council held on July 27, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. in the main hall of the Winslow Visitor's Center, 523 West Second Street, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Cano, Councilmember Cake, Councilmember Crisp, Councilmember Jackson, Councilmember MacLean

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Boyd, Councilmember Nelson

STAFF:

John Barkley City Manager, Trish Stuhan City Attorney, Suzy Wetzel City Clerk, David Coolidge Assistant City Manager, Elias Jouen Finance Director, Ken Arend Police Chief, Brandee Leary Librarian, Linda Branch Police Administrative Assistant

Mayor Cano called the meeting to order. The Pledge was given and the Invocation was offered by Mayor Cano. Roll call was taken and Councilmembers Boyd and Nelson were absent. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Jackson, to excuse the absent members. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, Jackson and MacLean voting yes.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

A. Current Events and Announcements

After stating that school is back in session on Thursday and urging citizens to keep an eye out for children walking to and from school, Councilmember Crisp announced details regarding the following events:

- Rural Policy Forum on August 4th - 6th
- Growing on 66 Class scheduled for August 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the Chamber
- The evening Farmers Market schedule
- Annual League of Arizona Cities & Towns Conference on August 31st – September 3rd

- Return of Lunch & Learn Business Workshops beginning October 7th

Mayor Cano provided information regarding the Taste of Winslow that will take place at the Elks on Friday, August 6th and announced that a ribbon cutting/grand opening for Little Wonders Preschool will take place tomorrow (July 28th). Mayor Cano also announced that Chamber staff will be attending the upcoming Arizona Governor's Conference on Tourism where they will be networking and promoting Winslow.

Mayor Cano referred to the recent rainfall in the Winslow area and subsequent flooding of surrounding communities and stated that a donation center will be set up to receive items to assist the Bird Springs Chapter House. Mayor Cano also referred to water levels at the Winslow Levee and stated that the city is working closely with Navajo County to monitor the situation.

Mayor Cano then discussed details of the Community Celebration that will take place at the Eagle Pavilion on August 21st to raise awareness for substance abuse and addiction. In closing, Mayor Cano announced that Top Gun will be shown at the Airport Hangar on the evening of September 18th.

B. Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Jackson referred to recent complaints that he has received regarding fireworks and requested that staff look into an ordinance that will address the issue.

Mayor Cano referred to her previous request regarding speed bumps in the downtown area and asked that staff look into the matter since she continues to be approached by concerned citizens about speeding.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Report from Supervisor Alberto Peshlakai Which May Include General Update on County Activities

Supervisor Peshlakai introduced himself to the Council and citizens who were in attendance and stated that he is from the community of Indian Wells and is a graduate of Holbrook High School. Supervisor Peshlakai then referred to the impact that the recent rainfall has had on the levee and stated that the current level is below flood stage.

Supervisor Peshlakai reported that Senator Mark Kelly has made a formal request to the Senate Subcommittee on Energy & Water Development for a \$3-

million-dollar allocation to the Army Corp of Engineers for pre-construction, engineering and design costs for the Winslow Levee.

Supervisor Peshlakai provided information regarding a recent increase in COVID cases in Navajo County stating that the pattern indicates that there will be a third surge of the pandemic. The Supervisor discussed the Delta variant and stated that the vaccine rate needs to be higher in order to stop the spread of the virus.

On behalf of the full Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Peshlakai extended appreciation to those who aided in the recent efforts in preparedness and safety within the affected area of the Winslow Levee. Supervisor Peshlakai advised that the Board will be working on priorities for the upcoming legislative session to advocate on behalf of Navajo County. The Board will also be reviewing recommendations for projects in conjunction with the American Rescue Plan Act.

In closing, Supervisor Peshlakai referred to a recent tour of the Winslow Library and stated that he looks forward to being involved with improvements to the library with the assistance and coordination from the County Library District.

B. Quarterly Northland Pioneer College (NPC) Report Which May Include Introduction of NPC President Dr. Chato Hazelbaker

Betsyann Wilson, Executive Director of NPC Friends & Family, provided information regarding registration for the college's class start date of August 23rd and explained that classes will be conducted with certain precautions due to COVID-19. Ms. Wilson also provided information regarding scholarship opportunities at NPC.

Ms. Wilson introduced the new President of NPC, Dr. Chato Hazelbaker, who spoke briefly about projects at the Winslow Campus including partnering with NACOG to launch a Head Start facility. Dr. Hazelbaker also discussed his priority to add new programs in order to increase enrollment and activity at the Winslow campus.

C. Proclamation – Honoring the Little League Senior Girls All Star Softball Team for Their Victory as State Champions

The proclamation was read by Mayor Cano and presented to members of the All Star Team who were in attendance. The team members also had their photo taken with the mayor.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Verbal Status Report on Current City Activities by City Manager Which May Include Highlights of Various City Department Activities

The following reports were provided under the City Manager's Status Report:

After announcing the names of seven new employees that have recently joined the City of Winslow team, the City Manager expressed his thanks to Supervisor Peshlakai and Navajo County staff for their partnership over the last six months and, most recently, with the possibility of flooding in the Winslow area. The City Manager also discussed on-going efforts to recertify the Winslow Levee.

The City Manager stated that the tanker season has ended at the airport and announced that the free Business License Registration information has been posted on the city's website. The City Manager also discussed various construction projects and commented on his attendance at the Arizona City Management Conference in Tucson on July 21st – 23rd.

B. Quarterly Report from Librarian Which May Include Information Regarding Past Events and Announcements for Upcoming Events

The Librarian provided highlights from her written report that was provided in the packet including details of the Summer Reading Program, the deadline of July 31st to submit scavenger hunt and CLUE game answers and the County Library District's Annual Writing Contest submissions.

The Librarian also discussed grants that were awarded to the library and work that was done in conjunction with the Old Trails Museum and Winslow High School to digitize a complete set of WHS yearbooks.

Mayor Cano thanked the Librarian for the phenomenal job that she is doing at the library. The Librarian commended her staff for their hard work.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember MacLean requested that Item C be pulled for discussion and Councilmember Jackson requested that Item E be pulled for discussion. Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Jackson, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented minus Items C & E.

Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, Jackson and MacLean voting yes.

- A. Discussion and/or Action to Approve the Check Register**
- B. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting & Public Hearing of July 13, 2021**
- C. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Special Events Liquor License for the Standin' on the Corner Festival on September 24 & 25, 2021**

After Bubba McKinney, 2nd Vice President of the Foundation, discussed their event, Councilmember MacLean expressed his concern regarding the fact that alcohol consumption begins at 10:00 a.m. Mr. McKinney responded by stating that they have been in close contact with the police department and liquor control regarding potential issues that may arise during the festival.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Crisp, to approve the Special Events Liquor License for the Standin' on the Corner Festival on September 24 & 25, 2021. Motion passed with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp and Jackson voting yes and Councilmember MacLean voting no.

- D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Winslow and Multiple Agencies Throughout Navajo County Regarding the Navajo County Sexual Assault Response Team**
- E. Discussion and/or Action Related to Ordinance No. 1369 Approving the Winslow-Lindbergh Regional Airport Restaurant Lease Agreement Between the City and Steffen Bailon**

After Councilmember Jackson recused himself from discussion and action regarding this item due to a potential conflict, the City Manager responded to a question from Councilmember Crisp about the proposed operation of the restaurant.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Crisp, seconded by Councilmember Cake, to approve Ordinance No. 1369 between the City of Winslow and Steffen Bailon at the Winslow-Lindbergh Regional Airport Restaurant. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp and MacLean voting yes.

- F. Discussion and/or Action Related to Ordinance No. 1370 Amending Ordinance No. 637, Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges, Amending Schedule 11 – Municipal Court, by Revising Section 11-3 Civil Traffic Default Fee**

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Agreement between the City of Winslow and Nexxus Consulting, LLC for Federal Lobbying Services**

The City Manager introduced Bob Holmes of Nexxus Consulting, who was attending via Zoom. After Mr. Holmes introduced his business partner, Ana Ma, who was also attending via Zoom, he provided a background regarding his experience working in federal government relations. The City Manager commented on the benefits of having Nexxus Consulting on board to assist the city with the Winslow Levee.

In response to a question from Councilmember MacLean, Mr. Holmes provided information on how the Council will be kept apprised of accomplishments and on-going work being done by Nexxus Consulting. The City Attorney also responded to a question from Councilmember Crisp regarding whether or not executive sessions will be required to discuss communications that are received from Nexxus.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember MacLean, to approve the agreement between the City of Winslow and Nexxus Consulting. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, Jackson and MacLean voting yes.

- B. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Request from Standin' on the Corner Foundation for Assistance for their 23rd Festival to be Held on September 24 & 25, 2021 and Waive Vendor Fees**

After Mayor Cano referred to the previous discussion under the Consent Calendar regarding the Festival, the following motion was made:

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Jackson, seconded by Councilmember MacLean, to approve the request from the Standin' on the Corner Foundation for assistance for their 23rd Festival to be held on September 24 & 25, 2021 and waive vendor fees. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, Jackson and MacLean voting yes.

C. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Request from Just Cruis'n Car Club for Assistance for their 26th Car Show to be Held on October 1 & 2, 2021 and Waive Vendor Fees

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember MacLean, to approve the request from the Just Cruis'n Car Club for assistance for their 26th Car Show to be held on October 1 & 2, 2021 and waive vendor fees. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, Jackson and MacLean voting yes.

D. Discussion and/or Action to Approve and Adopt Ordinance No. 1367 – Property Tax Levy, and Declaring an Emergency

After discussion regarding the fact that this ordinance must be approved no later than next Tuesday (August 3rd) and requires a vote of at least six members of the Council, this item was continued to a special meeting on Monday, August 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Cake, seconded by Councilmember Mayor Cano, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Cano and Councilmembers Cake, Crisp, Jackson and MacLean voting yes.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting and public hearing of the Winslow City Council held on July 27, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021.

City Clerk